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January 9, 1993

Tillamook County Land of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze

Federal Communications Commission 1919 M. Street, Suite 222 Washington, DC 20554

RE: Comments on Docket 92-235

Dear Commissioners:

FOR MANY POOR

The costs involved are astronomical. Our sheriff's department operates with three mountaintops and 19 road deputies. Even assuming that the officers shared cars and handhelds, and worked in seven car shifts, which in itself is not acceptable, Tillamook County would incur a cost of \$10,000 for just the sheriff's equipment. This would not include the additional costs of new site acquisition and development. We also operate a Public Works Department under similar circumstances. It is not inconceivable that our small coastal county of 22,000 population would have to invest half a million dollars just to maintain the bare minimum level of public safety radio service.

The alternatives of either discontinuing services to remote areas or accepting the risks to officer safety are wholly unacceptable. Unless this Docket is rejected or postponed, the new rules would place rural areas similar to Tillamook County in the unfortunate position of either sacrificing public safety or violating FCC rules.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

Kenneth M. Burdick, Chairperson

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